

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A dustproof cover comprising:
a cap-shape cover; and
a packing protecting portion provided by extending an end of an opening of a peripheral wall of said cover in a continual longitudinal direction;

wherein said cover has a hole in a front surface and an engaging projection provided on an inner surface of said peripheral wall of said cover, and said engaging projection is configured to engage with a lock arm provided on the outer periphery of a connector, said cover is fitted to said connector so as to cover a front-end fitting surface of said connector from a front side of said connector and said packing protecting portion covers a packing exposed around an outer peripheral portion of said connector.

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4. (Amended) A dustproof cover according to claim 1, further comprising:
a prefitted dustproofing structure whereby said connector is provided with dustproof protection before said connector is fitted to a mating connector,
wherein said prefitted dustproofing structure is fitted to the outer periphery of said connector from a front side of said connector, and said packing is protected by said packing protecting portion of said dustproof cover.

5. (Twice Amended) A prefitted dustproofing structure comprising:

a connector provided with a packing exposed around an outer peripheral portion of a rear end of said connector and a plurality of electrical contacts located adjacent a front side of the connector for electrical connection to electrical contacts of a mating connector, each of the plurality of contacts including one of a male connection structure and a female connection structure, the connector including at least one separate electrical conductor extending from the rear end of said connector; and

a dustproof cover having a packing protecting portion provided by extending an end of an opening of a peripheral wall in a continual longitudinal direction,

wherein said dustproof cover is fitted to the outer periphery of said connector so as to cover a front-end fitting surface of said connector from the front side of said connector, and said packing protecting portion covers said packing.